

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES

Minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pavey reported:

1. Thanked everyone for attending the City employee picnic.
2. Last week the new stream gauges were checked out with the anticipation of heavy rain. There is a website that can be accessed and will send an email when the water gets to a certain level.
3. The Street Department has sent out several letters to residents regarding heavy trash. We are requesting that heavy trash not be set out more than one (1) week before it is due to be picked up. North of the bridge trash will be picked up the week of September 24-28th, and South of the bridge it will be picked up the week of October 1st-5th.
4. Met with Reedy Financial. They are going to review our budget numbers and provide a report on the ambulance service that is being considered. We will be meeting with the County regarding the ambulance in October.
5. An announcement was made at the last concert that Rushville will be hosting a Grand Prix next July.
6. The concert series this year boasted the largest crowd yet.

Smile Fund – Councilman Sheehan reported that over \$11,000.00 has been raised. They have had an informational meeting and handed out flyers to the downtown businesses. They would like to focus on lighting, awning, signage, and aesthetics; you can receive up to \$1,000.00.

Lions – Over 100 lions have been purchased and 45-50 have been painted. There will be voting for your favorite lion on the Chamber website sometime around the 14th or 15th. The winner will be announced during Rush Fest on September 29th.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bridges asked if anyone planned to attend the IACT conference. He said Tuesday, October 2nd would be municipal day.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Copley handed out monthly reports. She informed Council that the utility numbers, only, were not yet up to date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Park – Park Director Mathews said the Gospel Sing will be this Saturday from 6:00-8:00 at the amphitheater.

Animal – Warden Moran said this year they have taken in 450 animals and euthanized 45.

Street – Commissioner Miller said 160 trash boxes have been picked up.

Berkemeier asked if the home owner or the tenant is responsible for their trash. Miller said the homeowner would be contacted if there was a problem.

Smith asked if all the trash boxes that were picked up were ones that were considered problems. Miller said they were. He said pictures were taken of all of them and there was loose trash in all of them.

Police - Chief Tucker handed out his monthly report.

Tucker said Bob Bridges has agreed to teach the DARE program next semester. He needs to be re-certified as a DARE officer. He will also join the ranks as a reserve officer.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Guy Herrell said there is a stench in the Waggoner Addition area coming from sewer drains and asked if this could be investigated for a resolution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

231 East Water Street – The City has applied for a grant to take down the building on this property. We have been asked to pass a resolution identifying this property as a slum and blight area. Bridges made a motion to have the City Attorney prepare a resolution identifying the property of 231 East Water Street, Rushville, Indiana as a slum and blight area. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Utility Board Appointment – Mayor Pavey said Brian Bess' term has expired. He asked Bess if he was interested in remaining on the Board. Bess said he was. Councilman Smith said he would like to have the opportunity to speak with Bess. Smith made a motion to table until the next meeting. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transfer Resolution 2012-12 Animal Control – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2012-12 transferring monies in the Animal Control budget. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Berkemeier made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EDA Grant – Jim Finan informed Council that the paper work has been delivered to EDA and he will be talking to them tomorrow.

Area Plan Commission – The APC has set up a committee for the design review of the corridor overlay district. Berkemeier said he has been asked to serve on this committee and will keep Council informed.

There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER